Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I shall be very glad to know the reason for such a determination.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* As a matter of fact, this work was directed to be included in the year 1112, if funds were available. An order was issued. They tried to include it in the budget for 1114. But they could not do it, nor was it possible to include it in the budget for the next year. I will look into this matter at an early date. This is an old file. The back file shows that it is an old question.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will you at least include it in the 1116 budget? The public feeling is very strong in this matter.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Direction has already been given to include this in the budget of 1116 itself, if possible.

TRIPPUNITTURA—SCAVENGING IN

223. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of houses within the town limits of Trippunittura where scavenging arrangements exist at present and the number of thotties employed for the same;

(*b*) the number of such houses when scavenging was introduced in the town and the number of thotties employed then;

(*c*) under which class of Government servants do these scavengers come;

(*d*) are they entitled to any leave;

(*e*) what was the pay given to these scavengers both at the time scavenging was first introduced in the town and now?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Houses 349.
Thotties 10.

(*b*) Scavenging was done in the town even prior to the year 1074; records are not available to furnish the information asked for.

(*c*) Menials.

(*d*) They are entitled to 15 days casual leave in a year under Note 7 to S. O. No. 29 as also leave on loss of pay.

(*e*) The pay of the scavenger now is Rs. 12 per month and that in 1074 was Rs. 5 per month.

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